Boston. March 23. 1838.
Friday morning

Dear Debora,

I have been very careless in not writing to you ere this in answer to the proposition about the Grimké's, but I did transact the business the very day after I received your letter. I wrote to them & they replied in the course of a day or two that it would be absolutely out of their power. They wished to attend all Grahame's lectures was ~~a~~ one reason why they could not go so far from Boston. (Grahame is giving a course here now, 2 lectures a week) another is that they are going to give a course before our Society at the Odeon & moreover they are taken up with much writing &c. preparing I presume for the Convention in Philadelphia. They wished me to give you news of this. Now I went out of town on Saturday & bad weather detained me & I was prevented from writing while there, but thought I would wait till I came in town. At the Lecture, at the Odeon last evening, (of which more anon) Sarah asked me to write to Dr Farnsworth, as she had had a letter from him with the same request that I had previously communicated, telling him that it would not be in their power to come. The whole matter therefore must be at an end for the present, but my own opinion is that the Grimké's will return to Mass in the Summer & lecture in New England. - Caroline says that she wants you to appear on parade as soon as may be, that now is the time when you can be the most useful, as she wishes

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to be out of school packing up. As you have been gone 3 wks Tuesday we think you have done pretty well. Sarah Ann is coming here on Monday next to stay a few days, so we learn by a note from Mr Bailey. I went to Weymouth last Saturday with Elizabeth Sampson who, at last, was ready to make her visit. She only intended to stay till Monday but on Sunday she had the phthisic very bad & it ended in the evening by a fit of spasmodic asthma & we really thought she was dying, but on Tuesday she was so well that she left for Cambridge in the Duxbury stage insisting upon taking Aunt Mary with her for a few days. I waited till Wed for Pa to bring me in and carry Ma out who has been here ever since you left. But Wed was very stormy and so we were obliged to wait till Thursday (yesterday) & then Pa brought me in with his new horse which is quite a decent one much better than his usual chance. Ma went out with him & will not be in again till the last moment. Aunt Mary came over from Cambridge yesterday night to hear Sarah & is staying here till tomorrow when she is going home. We have worked through every thing to get the lectures in the evening. The brethren really thought that this matter of the lectures was altogether in their hands that they had to settle every thing & had actually written a notice appointing it in the afternoon when Maria & I as the Committee of the Soc. stepped in & informed them that we should transact this business & they finding we were not to be guided by their superior wisdom, gave in. They declared however that they were afraid of a mob not exactly of men but of boys. We really felt as if we could not succumb to the boys. - Well, the house was thronged with people up to the 3d row and every nook & corner. Mary Parker & Sarah & Angelina sat together in Mr Rogers' pulpit and Mary behaved very well. She rose & said that the time had come for opening the meeting, & that she would read from the Scriptures; that she did and very well though I did not like the Psalm she selected as it was a very triumphant one. She then announced Sarah M. Grimké & as there had been some clapping she requested that there might be no demonstrations of praise or censure. Sarah did very well indeed tho' of course, nothing like Angelina. But I will not go on here as my time is short. Miss Ball has left more than a week since. Mrs Bent called here the other day & wanted you very much to come there & make a visit, down I mean to N. B. She appeared very well indeed & very kind. Poor Mrs Stephenson is dead. Mr daughter you know. She died just after her confinem Mrs Stone also is dead. Dr Stone's wife, in the pas We had a Board meeting the other day but I cannot into particulars. I will tell you all when I see you. Caroline once more bids me say that you must come a as you can for she must have you here. I can write no more for I must send this to the mail.

Best love to Dr F. Miss Gray & the children.

ever yrs Anne W. Weston.

Grandma is pretty well & see the rest. I can come to Groton any time after S. A goes which I suppose will be in a few days but of course you need not allude to this except they mention it.

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